



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Group Art Unit 3624

Examiner: Jagdish Patel

Application of :	Lawrence P. Shields et al.
Filed:	: February 8, 2001
Serial No.	: 09/779,114
Title	: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EXECUTION OF TRADES MADE PURSUANT TO STOCK OPTION AND PURCHASE PLANS

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2006, the time to respond to which having been extended, to and including August 24, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Claims 1-33 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 13-21 and 29-33 are independent.

The Office Action requires an election among Species A-E, with certain sub-species being identified.

**Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.